take approval of the US State Department before they can export arms or other defence material to India;

(b) whether it has affected the modernisation programme of our defence forces; and

(c) The steps taken to ensure that our defence forces do not suffer from shortage of modern weaponry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The restrictive nature of these laws is taken into account by us in our overall plans for the modernisation of our Armed Forces. Efforts are made on a continuning basis to overcome the hurdles imposed on our modernisation plans through the export control laws of other countries.

(c) DRDO is undertaking many programmes for developing State-of-Art weapons and equipment for the Armed Forces. Defence Production Units also undertake indigenous production wherever considered appropriate. Even when weapons and equipment are imported to caterto urgent requirement of the Armed Forces, the question of indigenous production and transfer of technology is considered. Wherever considered necessary and feasible, such technologies are also obtained for indigenous production.

सभी रक्षा कार्यालयों में नेताजी के चित्र का लगाया जाना

1822. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय ने नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस की जन्मशती के अवसर पर अपने सभी कार्यालयों में उनके चित्र लगाने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन० वी० एन० सोमू): (क) से (ग) जी, नहीं। रक्षा मंत्रालय ऐसे मामलों में सभी सरकारी कार्यालयों के लिए निर्णय नहीं लेता है।

सेना में, मौजूदा अनुदेशों के अनुसार, सीनियर कमांडरों के कतिपय श्रेणियों के अलावा, केवल निम्नलिखित विशिष्ट व्यक्तियों के चित्र विभिन्न यूनिटों के परिसरों में लगाए जाते हैं:—

(क) महात्मा गांधी
(ख) राष्ट्रपति
(ग) प्रधान मंत्री
(घ) रक्षा मंत्री

Acquisition of remotely piloted aircraft from Israel

1823. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has finalised acquisition of remotely piloted aircraft from Israel;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the agreement; and

(c) by when the aircraft is likely to join the Indian Air Force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Laying of roads by Border Roads Organisation

1824. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Road Organisation is laying roads in the forest areas of the naxalite-infested districts of North Telangana and Dandakaranya regions;

(b) the objectives of the programme; and

(c) the target set up and progress made in laying the roads in the areas